

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims to read as indicated below:

SUB C17 Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for displaying records responsive to a database query where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of identifiers for a plurality of said responsive records; and

displaying simultaneously with the identifiers content elements of

at least one of the records

~~displaying selected elements of at least one of said responsive records, wherein said list of identifiers and said selected elements are displayed simultaneously.~~

Claim 2 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said selected elements comprise the entirety of one of said responsive records.

Claim 3 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said identifiers comprise case citations.

A3 Claim 4 (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of identifying and marking records displayed in their entirety in a prior search request.

Claim 5 (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of~~ A method for displaying records responsive to a database query conducted by a user comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of identifiers for a plurality of said responsive records; and

identifying and marking records that were responsive to a prior search request
by said user.

Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sorting said responsive records.

Claim 7 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said responsive records include

- a record name;
- a record citation;
- a record date; and
- a record author.

Claim 8 (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of computing the relevance of said responsive records.

Claim 9 (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of computing the relevance of said records.

Claim 10 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said record name.

Claim 11 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said record citation.

Claim 12 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to a record date.

Claim 13 (original) The method of claim 7, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said record author.

Claim 14 (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said list of responsive records is sorted according to said relevance of said records.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of resolving ties in a preceding sort.

Claim 16 (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of identifying responsive records that were displayed in their entirety in a prior search.

Claim 17 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with text.

Claim 18 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with icons.

Claim 19 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with color.

Claim 20 (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said responsive records are identified with a browser viewed link designation.

Claim 21 (currently amended) An apparatus for displaying records responsive to a database query where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements comprising:

means for displaying a list of identifiers for a plurality of said responsive records; and

means for displaying simultaneously with the identifiers content elements of

at least one of the records

~~means for displaying selected elements of at least one of said responsive records, wherein said list of identifiers and said selected elements are displayed simultaneously.~~

Claim 22 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said selected elements comprise the entirety of one of said responsive records.

Claim 23 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a means for identifying said responsive records.

Claim 24 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for identifying records displayed in their entirety in a prior search.

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Claim 25 (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising a~~ An apparatus for displaying records responsive to a database query conducted by a user comprising:

means for displaying a list of identifiers for a plurality of said records responsive to a database query; and

means for identifying records that were responsive to a prior search conducted by said user.

Claim 26 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for sorting said responsive records.

Claim 27 (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein said means for sorting comprises an algorithm.

Claim 28 (original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said algorithm comprises:

means for computing the frequency of occurrence of a plurality of search terms; and
means for ordering said responsive records based on said frequency.

Claim 29 (original) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said algorithm further comprises:

means for computing the proximity of said search terms; and
means for ordering said responsive records based on said proximity.

Claim 30 (original) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said algorithm comprises:

means for computing the proximity of a plurality of said search terms; and
means for ordering said responsive records based on said proximity.

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Claim 31 (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said algorithm comprises~~ An apparatus for displaying records responsive to a database query where the records are characterized by having identifiers comprising:

means for computing the number of times each of said responsive records is referenced
by each other of said responsive records; and
ordering said responsive records based on said number; and
displaying identifiers of said records in said order.

Claim 32 (original) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein said means for computing comprises a table containing the number of times each of said responsive records is referenced by each other responsive record.

Claim 33 (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 27, wherein said algorithm comprises~~ An apparatus for displaying records responsive to a database query where the records are

characterized by having identifiers comprising: means for ordering said responsive records according to the number of times each of said responsive records has been selected by prior users.

Claim 34 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means of computing the relevance of said responsive records.

Claim 35 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record name.

Claim 36 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record citation.

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Claim 37 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record date.

Claim 38 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record author.

Claim 39 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said list of selected records is sorted according to a record rank, said record rank being determined by a previously-applied algorithm.

Claim 40 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for identifying records contained in said list of responsive records that were displayed in their entirety in a prior search.

Claim 41 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises text.

Claim 42 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises an icon.

Claim 43 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises colored text.

Claim 44 (original) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein said identifying means comprises a viewed link designation.

Claim 45 (original) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a means for identifying records contained in said list of responsive records that were selected in a prior search.

Claim 46 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises text.

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Claim 47 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises an icon.

Claim 48 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises colored text.

Claim 49 (original) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein said identifying means comprises a viewed link designation.

Claim 50 (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of replacing said displayed content element with a different content element.

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Claim 51 (new) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a means of replacing said displayed content element with a different content element.

Claim 52 (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said content elements include a first paragraph and said displayed content element is said first paragraph.

Claim 53 (new) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said content elements include a first paragraph and said displayed content element is said first paragraph.

Claim 54 (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said content elements include paragraphs and further comprising the steps of:

identifying a most relevant paragraph of said record; and

choosing said most relevant paragraph as said content element to display.

Claim 55 (new) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said content elements include paragraphs and further comprising a means for:

identifying a most relevant paragraph of said record; and

choosing said most relevant paragraph as said content element to display.

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Claim 56 (new) A method for displaying records responsive to a database query on a screen having at least two panels where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements, comprising the steps of:

displaying in a first panel simultaneously the identifier and at least one content element of at least one record; and

displaying in a second panel the identifier of at least one different record.

Claim 57 (new) An apparatus for displaying records responsive to a database query on a screen having at least two panels where the records are characterized by having identifiers and content elements, comprising:

means for displaying in a first panel simultaneously the identifier and at least one content element of at least one record; and

means for displaying in a second panel the identifiers of at least one different record.

Claim 58 (new) The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of resorting said responsive records.

Claim 59 (new) The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising the means for resorting said responsive records.

Claim 60 (new) The method of claim 56 further comprising the step of resorting said records.

Claim 61 (new) The apparatus of claim 57 further comprising the means of resorting said records.

Claim 62 (new) The method of claim 1 where said identifiers are identified using XML tags.

Claim 63 (new) The method of claim 1 where said content elements are identified using XML tags.

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Claim 64 (new) The apparatus of claim 21 where said identifiers are identified using XML tags.

Claim 65 (new) The apparatus of claim 21 where said content elements are identified using XML tags.

Claim 66 (new) The method of claim 1 wherein a prior search is conducted before the database query, further comprising the step of identifying responsive records that were printed in their entirety in the prior search.

Claim 67 (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein a prior search is conducted before the database query, further comprising means of identifying responsive records that were printed in their entirety in the prior search.

Claim 68 (new) The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the apparatus further comprises means for computing the frequency of occurrence of a plurality of search terms and the ordering of said responsive records is based on said number and said frequency.

Claim 69 (new) A method of selecting documents responsive to a database query comprising the steps of:

identifying keywords in the database query;
computing the frequency that documents were selected by users that used a prior search query containing at least one of said keywords; and
choosing documents such that said frequency exceeded a threshold frequency.

Claim 70 (new) An apparatus for selecting documents responsive to a database query comprising:

means for identifying keywords in the database query;
means for computing the frequency that documents were selected by users that used a prior search query containing at least one of said keywords; and
means for choosing documents such that said frequency exceeded a threshold frequency.

Claim 71 (new) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said algorithm comprises:

means for identifying keywords in the database query;
means for computing the frequency that documents were selected by users that used a prior search query containing at least one of said keywords; and
means for ordering said responsive records based on said frequency.

Claim 72 (new) A method of analyzing a list of records responsive to a database query comprising the steps of:

choosing a means of sorting said records;

viewing said records; and

choosing a second means of sorting said records.

Claim 73 (new) An apparatus for analyzing a list of records responsive to a database query comprising:

A4 means for choosing a means of sorting said records;

means for viewing said records; and

means for choosing a second means of sorting said records.
